THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) In respect of items like Pig Iron, Hot Rolled Coils/Sheets and Cold Rolled Coils/ Sheets, there is a gap between supply and domestic demand. This is because the indigenous production has not yet caught up with the demand in the country.

(c) During the year 1988-89, a scheme was introduced under which SAIL is supplying imported Hot Rolled Coils and Pig Iron on' no profit no loss' basis to meet the demand of consumers.

(d) Does not arise.

Iron ore Mines in Orissa

2737. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to develop the iron-ore mines in Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether any new system is proposed to be adopted for the development of iron-ore mines in that State and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Development of iron ore mines in Orissa is directly linked to orders for export of iron ore through Paradip Port. Exports through Paradip have declined mainly due to inadequate port facilities. Studies have already been taken up for improving these port facilities and also for improvement of complementary infra-structure facilities.

(c) No, Sir

(d) Does not arise.

Implementation of Research and Development Projects

2738. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Steel Authority of India is laying emphasis on the implementation of Research and Development projects;

(b) if so, how many Research and Development projects have been completed by SAIL so far;

(c) how many projects have been implemented in the steel plants by the Research and Development wing of SAIL and

(d) the details of all these projects undertaken by the Research and Development wing of SAIL during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Research and Development Centre of SAIL has completed 363 projects till 1-1-89.

(c) So for 105 projects have been implemented in the SAIL plants.

(d) Details of some of the important projects implemented/under implementation are as follows:—

(i) Introduction of Group wise crushing of coal at Bokaro Steel Plant has resulted in higher coke strength.

(ii) By reducing the oversize percentage of coke being charged in the Blast Furnace at Bhilai Steel Plant, there has been increase in productivity and decline in coke rate.

(iii) Introduction of Air injection technique in Open hearth furnaces at IISCO, Burnpur has resulted in increased yield of steel.

(iv) Introduction of SAIL combined blowing technology at Bokaro

Steel melting Shop has resulted in reduced Ferro Alloy consumption and increase in steel yield. The same is being extended to steel making at Rourkela Steel Plant also.

(v) Production of RAIL steel through Basic Oxygen—continuous casting route at Bhilai Steel Plant has resulted in increased yield and improvement in quality of rails.

T.V. Serials on Education and Adult Education

2739. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government propose to start some new serial on T.V. from April, 1989;

(b) Whether any new serial is proposed to be started on Adult Education;

(c) if so, by when the said serial is proposed to be started; and

(d) whether Government propose to introduce any such serial which may spread education among the tribals?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) A serial titled "Boond Boond" is expected to be on air about July, 1989 which is on the tribal village life in India under Development Scheme for Tribal Welfare.

Encroachment of Land in Vasant Vihar

2740. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 460 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th February, 1989 and state:

(a) when the Land and Development Officer came to know about the existence of encroachment on the land;

(b) when the action was initiated for removing the encroachment and the show cause Notices were issued;

(c) whether Government are aware that the allottee of the adjoining plot who has encroached upon a portion of land allotted to the MCD and Delhi Administration is making all-out efforts to thwart and defeat the early solution of the problem by delaying and prolonging the process; and

(d) if so, what pre-emptive steps Government propose to take to overcome such moves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Encroachment on the land came to the notice of the Land and Development Office on 17-11-1988.

(b) A Show Cause Notice for the removal of the encroachment on Government land was issued on 24-11-1988. It was followed by a final Show Cause Notice issued on 21-2-1989.

(c) and (d) In view of (a) and (b) above, the question does not arise.

Non-Payment of Salaries to Workers of Bharat Gold Mines Limited, Kolar

2741. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of workers of Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML) at Kolar in Karnataka are not getting their salaries etc;

(b) if so, whether the management of the BGML have expressed inability to pay to its workers due to non availability of funds;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard;